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MEXICAN MAN SENTENCED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine in Jackson County, Mo.

Jose Manuel Mancha-Galvan, 28, a citizen of Mexico living in Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to five years and 10 months in federal prison without parole.

On March 24, 2004, **Mancha-Galvan** pleaded guilty to his role in a conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine. **Mancha-Galvan** admitted to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine on Dec. 16, 2003, in Jackson County.

Co-defendant **Derby Caro-Alarcon**, 28, a citizen of Mexico living in Kansas City, also pleaded guilty on March 24, 2004, to his role in the conspiracy.

Both co-defendants were originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Jan. 27, 2004, in Kansas City, and have admitted to entering the United States illegally and have no legal resident status in the United States.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the DEA Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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